GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6184
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ANTI-DUMPING DUTIES ON LEAD ACID BATTERIES
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has imposed anti-dumping duty on lead acid batteries imported from Bangladesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the measures being contemplated by the Government to improve the quality of domestic batteries and to reduce the prices to international levels ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH)

(a) & (b) :No, sir. Government has not imposed anti-dumping duty on import of Lead Acid Batteries from Bangladesh.The Directorate General of Anti-Dumping & Allied Duties had initiated Anti-Dumping investigations on import of Lead Acid Batteries from Japan, Korea, China and Bangladesh on 12.1.2001 andrecommended imposition of anti-dumping duty on import of Lead Acid Batteries from Japan, Korea and China only on 21.3.2001 and the duty was imposed by the Central Government on 9.4.2001.

(c) : The Battery industry is a completely deregulated and decontrolled industry and the entrepreneurs / manufacturers are free to adopt and assimilate the latest technologies available from within the country or outside to make their products internationally competitive in terms of quality and price.